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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY  
(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PA141958/PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/IB2007/051946	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 23 May 2007 (23.05.2007)	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 06 June 2006 (06.06.2006)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. IV   | Lack of unity of invention  |
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. IV   | Lack of unity of invention   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V    | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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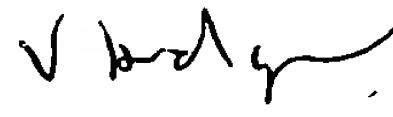
## 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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## 3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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International application No.

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## Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).

2. ☐ This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43*bis*.1(a))3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
- ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ on paper
- ☐ in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in electronic form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

4. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

5. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-4</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-4</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

**2. Citations and explanations:**

Claims 1-4 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Parsons. Parsons teaches providing employer sponsored health, life, and disability insurance benefits to an employee of the organization (page 2 paragraph 0023). Parson further teaches providing replacement benefits for an employee who is working in a different country (page 2 paragraph 0024-0026). Parsons finally teaches calculating replacement benefits based on the country where the employee is located and based on the host country's legal requirements and economic considerations, wherein the replacement benefits are equivalent to that which would have been provided in the country of origin (page 3 paragraph 0039).

Claims 1-4 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.